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### British Military Design

1. In an official note the British Military Headquarters advised Prime Minister Sidqi that the evacuation of Ras al-Tin barracks in Alexandria would be completed by the end of November 1946. It was originally planned to carry out this action in August of 1946, but repeated attacks upon British troops delayed its fulfillment. It was also disclosed that the withdrawal of British troops from Abbasiyah, Zaytun, Qasr-al-Nil, Heliopolis, Mustafa barracks, and Amriyah to the Canal area will have been completed early in the spring of 1947.

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Note: Construction work in the Canal area near Fayad is carried on day and night by 3,000 German prisoners of war and Egyptian labor detachments.

2. Abd-al-Jalil Abu Samra Pasha, former Minister of State who has resigned his post in the Sidqi Cabinet in protest of the projected Anglo-Egyptian treaty, has questioned the British intentions with regard to the evacuation. In a statement he described the permanent nature of the steel and cement structures now being erected in the Canal area, expressing doubt that the British ever intend to evacuate Egypt.

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Note: Abu Samra is a frustrated politician who supported the old terms of the projected treaty, which were less favorable to Egypt. With Ahmad Lutfi al-Sayyid, he resigned his cabinet post for selfish motives.

3. Sidqi reluctantly denied the allegation, upholding the British plan on the grounds that His Majesty's Government has enacted a law whereby British troops overseas must be provided adequate shelter, inasmuch as they are mostly volunteer recruits. He said that the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, has personally assured him that these structures will be handed over to the Egyptian authorities upon the expiration of the terms stipulated in the Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

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